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## Press Release

**Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff**

<b>Classification:</b>	Marijuana Eradication Operation 11358 H&S; Cultivation of Marijuana	<b>Incident Date:</b>	July 1, 2010
<b>Author/Date/Time:</b>	Captain Ralph G. Ornelas, Narcotics Bureau	<b>7/2/10</b>	0600

<b>Incident Location:</b>	Angeles National Forest: Knapp Ranch Area and Fish Canyon (Santa Clarita Station Area)
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<b>Victim(s):</b>	N/A	<b>Suspect(s):</b>	Unk
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### Narrative:

Detectives from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Narcotics and Aero Bureaus, in a joint operation with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and U.S. Forest Service, performed an illicit marijuana eradication operation on public lands within the Angeles National Forest on July 1, 2010.

The team located and eradicated a total of 11,249 illicit marijuana plants from public lands, with an estimated street value of over \$22 million dollars. The team also removed 1,560 pounds of trash, consisting of hazardous chemical fertilizers, pesticides, food, propane tanks, and camping equipment from the forest. They repaired damage to three streams and removed extensive irrigation systems which suspects used to divert water away from native plants and animals to irrigate the illicit crops.

Since May 2010, detectives have eradicated a total of 96,441 illicit marijuana plants from public lands, with an estimated street value of over \$192 million dollars.

The public who visit nature areas should be cautious of the hazards posed by criminal marijuana farming. Suspects guard and even booby-trap their plants against law enforcement and competing criminal elements. Additionally, many of the fertilizers and pesticides encountered in illicit farming

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operations involve hazardous substances, some of which are banned in the United States.

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